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BEAUTIFUL UPON THE MOUNTAINS

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She endured all the hardships of early pioneer days, toiling late and early to help sustain her family. It was hard to live in those days. Work was scarce and materials were hard to obtain. Her husband was a sail maker and she took the canvas off the sails and made clothes for her children. Her daughter Fanny wore a dress made of canvas, colored with sagebrush. It was so stiff it was difficult to sit down in. As materials were scarce, she was glad to have a dress of any kind.

One day, after she had gleaned wheat and was on her way to the mill to change it for flour, she saw something shining in the dirt. She went on and was impressed to go back, and on looking found it was a five-dollar gold piece. She hadn't seen many of them in her life and was overjoyed at the find. She was so honest she went to the presiding Elder and asked him what she should do. He knew her circumstances and told her to keep it awhile and if no one inquired about it, the money was surely put there for her. She never found the owner and it surely served her well.

In 1864 she, with her husband and family, moved to Heber City. They lived in an old log schoolhouse where Jess Witt's house now stands. While here she endured many privations. Sometimes they had straight bran for bread. She tried hard to make loaves, but it spread out and was not very palatable. The presiding Elder, Mr. Isaac Wall's father, found they were suffering, so he sent them some flour and told them to let him know if they were ever in such need again. They were surely thankful for the help received and felt that the Lord was blessing them. After this she moved into a log house on what is now the west lot of the Court House.

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Southern California, where he received the degree of doctor of dental surgery in 1942.

It was during his last year of dental college that he met and married Florine Merrill of Phoenix, Arizona.

In 1943 he entered the U. S. navy as an assistant dental surgeon, with the rank of lieutenant, junior grade. After receiving indoctrination in the navy at the naval ship yard at Mare Island, California, he was sent to the Solomon Island area of war in the South Pacific, where he served until the end of the war as a dentist attached to Fleet Hospital 107.

Upon his release from the navy he, with his wife and little girl, Carol, born while he was in the South Pacific, moved to Heber City, Wasatch County, Utah, where he practiced his profession of dentistry. In Heber, three more children were born to this family, one boy and two girls, Kirk, Anne and Kay. While in Heber he was active in the LDS Church, being superintendent of Heber First Ward Sunday School and later ward clerk of that ward. He was a member of the American Legion, VFW, Lions Club, Chamber of Commerce, Provo District Dental Society, Utah Dental Assn. and the American Dental Assn.

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and died. As all transportation was by ox team, he was buried before she could get home. It was in the middle of the night when she arrived and found she was left alone again to face the world as best she could and take care of her family of five children. They took her children after her husband passed away and cared for them until she came home. Now, indeed, it was difficult for her to make a living. She gleaned wheat whenever she could find anyone who would allow her to do so. Many times she walked to Charleston, seven miles distant, to Nymphus Murdock's farm and bound wheat. There was very few men who could keep up with her binding. She also picked hops and sold them to help support her family.

In 1888 she again joined her life to Jonathan Clegg, this time celestially, and lived happily with him in plural marriage for 25 years. She became so aged she was not able to do for him, and her son-in-law, John Clyde, came and with much persuasion she went to live with them at Midway, Wasatch County. They did everything to make her declining years happy and comfortable. She lived and seemed to enjoy it. On May 4, 1900, she died of old age at her daughter's home and was buried in Heber City Cemetery. She lived a faithful Latter-day Saint life and never once regretted leaving all that was near and dear to her to come to Zion. Many times she was heard to say she would not give up her testimony and knowledge of the gospel to be a queen on her throne.

Her eldest son, William Farr, went away from home at the age of 14. She never saw him but once until he returned, just two years before she passed away to join her loved ones.

JOHN T. WAHLQUIST

John T. Wahlquist, native of Heber, is present serving as president of the San Jose State College in California. He was born in Heber on September 10, 1899, son of Charles John and Elizabeth Campbell Wahlquist.

His early education was in Wasatch County, and then he attended the University of Utah, receiving his B.S. degree in 1924 and his M.S. in 1926. He later received the Ph.D. degree from the Univer-



sity of Cincinnati in 1930, and has done post-graduate work at Columbia University.

On August 30, 1923, he married Grace Dorius, and they have two sons, Don and Carl.

From 1924 to 1930, Dr. Wahlquist was an instructor at the University of Utah and then assistant professor, 1930-31; associate professor, 1935-52, and since 1952 has been president of San Jose State College.

Other educational attainments include director of the William M. Stewart School, U. of U., 1932-41; dean, school of education, 1941-52; director of the summer session, 1941-48; member of the Utah Textbook Commission, 1941-52; president of the Utah Conference on Higher Education, 1946; member of the White House Conference on Rural Education, 1944; special educational commissions in Colorado and California, and from 1957 to 1960 was a member of the executive committee of the Western College Assn.

Dr. Wahlquist served as a member of the Theodore Roosevelt Centennial Commission in 1957, and in 1957-58 was co-director for a study of higher education in Utah.

He is the author of several books relating to education, one of the most popular of which is "Teaching as the Direction of Activities," which has been used extensively throughout the LDS Church.

With his family, he makes his home at 420 South Twelfth Street in San Jose, California.

ROGER HORROCKS AND SARAH ANN TAYLOR

Roger Horrocks was born October 4, 1844, and died October 28, 1932. He married Sarah Ann Taylor on Easter Sunday about